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For: METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLY-  
ESTERS CONTAINING AROMATIC  
MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION  
METHOD OF FIBER, AND MICRO-  
ORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF  
DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER

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Sir:

This Status Inquiry is being filed to determine the status of the first Office Action for the above-referenced application. The last communication we received from the Patent and Trademark Office was the Notice of Publication of Application, which was mailed on October 3, 2002. A written response to this Status Inquiry is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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